

AMENDED CLAIMS

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1. A method of controlling, from an information carrier player (101), a user access to an information carrier (105) and to a server (103), said information carrier (105) being associated with a preset parental control level (DVD_PCL), said information carrier player (101) being associated with a current parental control level (Current_PCL_i), said server (103) being intended to contain data associated with a rating level (RL), said method of controlling comprising :

- a first switching step (104) controlled by a first control signal derived from a first comparison between said current parental control level (Current_PCL_i) and said preset parental control level (DVD_PCL), for authorizing or not the access to said information carrier (105),
- a second switching step (107) controlled by a second control signal (108) derived from a second comparison between said current parental control level (Current_PCL_i) and said rating level (RL), for authorizing or not the access to said data.

2. A method as claimed in claim 1, comprising a preliminary look-up table step (112) for generating, from said rating level (RL), a modified rating level (RL') intended to be used for said second comparison.

3. An information carrier player (101) intended to read an information carrier (105) which is associated with a preset parental control level (DVD_PCL), and to control a user access to a server (103) intended to contain data associated with a rating level (RL), said information carrier player (101) being associated with a current parental control level (Current_PCL_i), and comprising :

- first switching means (104) controlled by a first control signal derived from a first comparison between said current parental control level (Current_PCL_i)

and said preset parental control level (DVD_PCL), for authorizing or not the reading of said information carrier (105),

- second switching means (107) controlled by a second control signal (108) derived from a second comparison between said current parental control level (Current_PCL_i) and said rating level (RL), for authorizing or not the access to said data.

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4. An information carrier player (101) as claimed in claim 3, comprising look-up means (112) for generating, from said rating level (RL), a modified rating level (RL') intended to be used for said second comparison.

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5. A computer program comprising code instructions for implementing the steps of the method as claimed in claim 1 or 2.